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DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI-ROLE JET FIGHTER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether indigenous multi-role jet fighter developed by our scientists is ready for launching;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the fighter jet is likely to replace MIG aircraft; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) programme is in advanced stage of flight testing on two technology demonstrator aircrafts. Sanction has also been accorded for building 5 additional prototypes of LCA for further accelerated flight testing to achieve Initial Operational Clearance by the year 2005-2006.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The LCA has been designed and developed against requirements of Air Force to replace MiG-21 aircraft.